

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Related Applications paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows in marked-up form:

This application ~~claims the benefit~~ is a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/718,254, filed November 20, 2003 and entitled "Devices, Systems, and Methods to Fixate Tissue Within the Regions of the Body, Such as the Pharyngeal Conduit,"[;] and a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/656,861, filed September 6, 2003 and entitled "Magnetic Force Devices, Systems, and Methods for Resisting Tissue Collapse within the ~~Pharyngeal~~ Pharyngeal Conduit,"[;] both of which claim the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/441,639, filed January 22, 2003, and entitled "Magnetic Splint Device and Method for the Treatment of Upper Airway Collapse in Obstructive Sleep Apnea," and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/456,164, filed March 20, 2003, and entitled "Device and Method for Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders Including Snoring and Sleep Apnea." This application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/236,455, filed September 6, 2002 and entitled "Systems and Methods for Moving and/or Restraining Tissue in the Upper Respiratory System," ~~and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/441,639, filed January 22, 2003 and entitled "Magnetic Splint Device and Method for the Treatment of Upper Airway Collapse in Obstructive Sleep Apnea," and United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/456,164, filed March 20, 2003 and entitled "Device and Method for Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders Including Snoring and Sleep Apnea,"~~ which are each incorporated herein by reference.